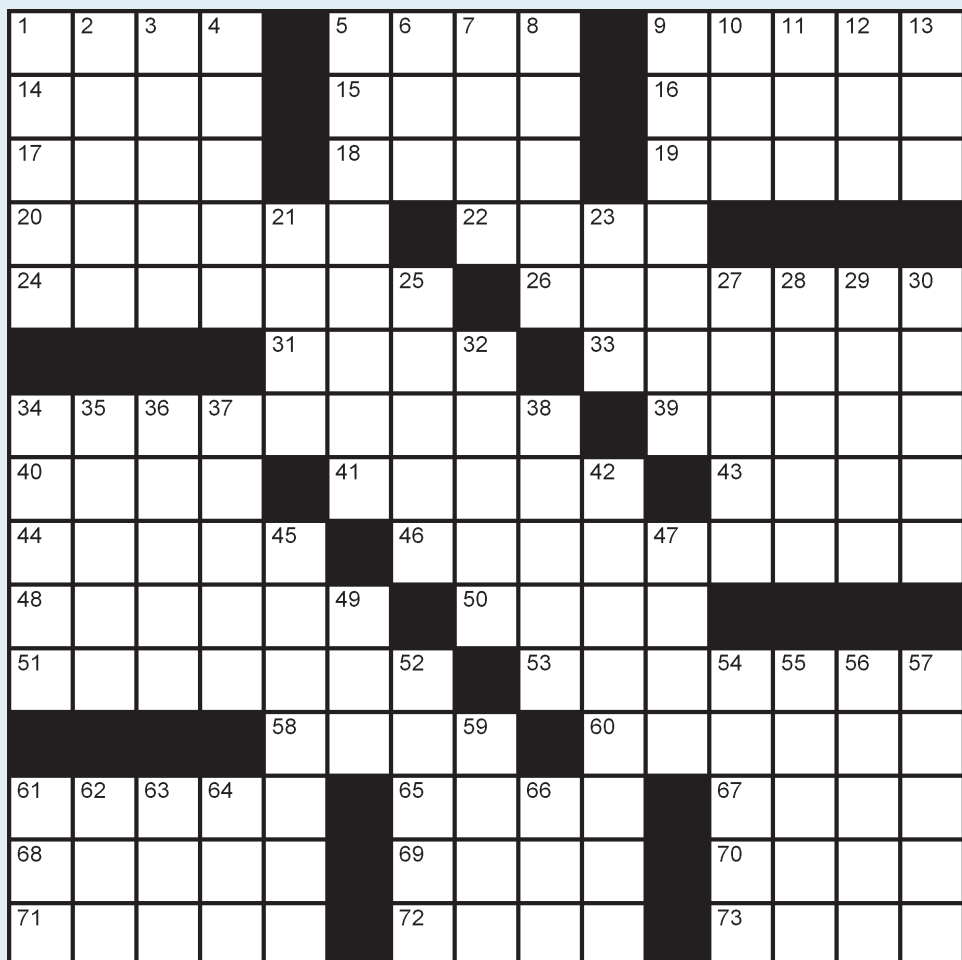


Getting a Raise by Daniel Sweren-Becker

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg



- ACROSS**
- 1 Feel sore
 - 5 Tropical root vegetable
 - 9 Fires off
 - 14 Trendy seed
 - 15 Similar
 - 16 Pacific Crest, for one
 - 17 Little member of a litter
 - 18 Philosopher Immanuel
 - 19 Former "American Idol" judge Jackson
 - 20 Ride out
 - 22 *Competitor's expression
 - 24 It lets you go downhill
 - 26 Introduction
 - 31 *Gesture of exasperation
 - 33 Devices for making whiskey
 - 34 Tongue-in-cheek
 - 39 Look through someone's texts, say
 - 40 Sounds made at spas
 - 41 It's often under the hood
 - 43 Covet
 - 44 Bun ingredient, perhaps?
 - 46 Bloodlines
 - 48 Shelters in the mountains
 - 50 *Maintain some dignity
 - 51 Catch in a trap
 - 53 Come to light
 - 58 *Plastic surgery procedure needed to understand the starred clues
 - 60 Preparatory phase
 - 61 Aspect
 - 65 Teeming
 - 67 Justice's garment
 - 68 Mushroom also called velvet shank
 - 69 Leave out
 - 70 Lake bordering Ohio
 - 71 Stretch horizontally
 - 72 Earns after expenses
 - 73 Places where cameras roll
- DOWN**
- 1 Lots of land
 - 2 Large quantity of change
 - 3 Language spoken in New Delhi
 - 4 Scarf down
 - 5 Prepares to throw an ax
 - 6 Abbr. before an alias
 - 7 Call, in England
 - 8 Available for pouring
 - 9 Parts of infrastructure
 - 10 Slice of history
 - 11 Photographer Goldin whose first name is a palindrome
 - 12 Checked off a checklist
 - 13 Foxy
 - 21 Spellbound
 - 23 "The Marvelous ___ Maisel"
 - 25 Sailboat with one mast
 - 27 More delicate
 - 28 Solo
 - 29 Garlic segment
 - 30 Awards that Tiger Woods has won 21 of
 - 32 Silences
 - 34 Aesop story
 - 35 Hammerin' Hank of baseball fame
 - 36 Little things that made big news in the 2000 election
 - 37 Endorse online, say
 - 38 Pepsi and Coke
 - 42 Streams of sweat or tears
 - 45 Gave a hand?
 - 47 "Pretty Woman" star Richard
 - 49 Indian title of respect
 - 52 Zac of "Neighbors"
 - 54 Taximeter readings
 - 55 Absolutely treasure
 - 56 Measure of ark length
 - 57 Duel swords
 - 59 Word after "prime" or "standard"
 - 61 Handful
 - 62 Name within "Jeanie"
 - 63 Fish-and-chips fish
 - 64 Just manage, with "out"
 - 66 Choice of clothing, informally

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2021 Sagittarius Opening Statements



Under normal circumstances, humans prefer familiarity and seek like-minds and kindred spirits. Novelty is a lesser need, though still in the mix, and never stronger than when activated by the Sagittarian arrow. The Sagittarian sun makes this point: Without new input, we go stagnant. Stagnation breeds toxicity. Stir things up for health's sake!

ARIES (March 21-April 19). In grade school, figuring out who likes you could involve a note with boxes to check. What unfolds today is not so different and will likely depend on intermediaries.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Will intentions ripen if you give them time? No. In fact, everything gets more difficult and labored. So, do the confident thing. Act in the moment; do it while you're thinking about it; handle it when it comes up.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The leading role, by definition, cannot be had by everyone in the show. People who want to take a more important role in your life should earn it.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There will be no shortcuts, as every path that seems quicker will actually be a long, expensive stressfest. Stick to the well-worn road and enjoy the ride.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). While you don't need anything else to feel whole, you still get the gnawing feeling that this isn't all there is for you. You may also feel like you're in the wrong room. But at least you're free to change your venue.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There are easier things to interpret than the message a loved one sends now, like poems in a language you don't speak or instructions coded by spies. Don't act or react until you get clarity.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). In a revealing moment, the masks and disguises of everyday life fade from view. Love calls the soul forward to shine through your eyes. This is how your loved ones see the real you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Nostalgia is a context that not all of your historical relationships are lucky enough to earn. Anyone who makes it into this sentimental realm gets to live in the glow of your goodwill today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's something about you that makes people want to impress you. They'll make promises they can't entirely keep, but that's OK. If they do even half of it, you'll come out ahead.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Saying no is easier when you think of what you are saying yes to. A no to dessert is a yes to your fitness plan, and a no to one expenditure is a yes to a bigger one in the future.

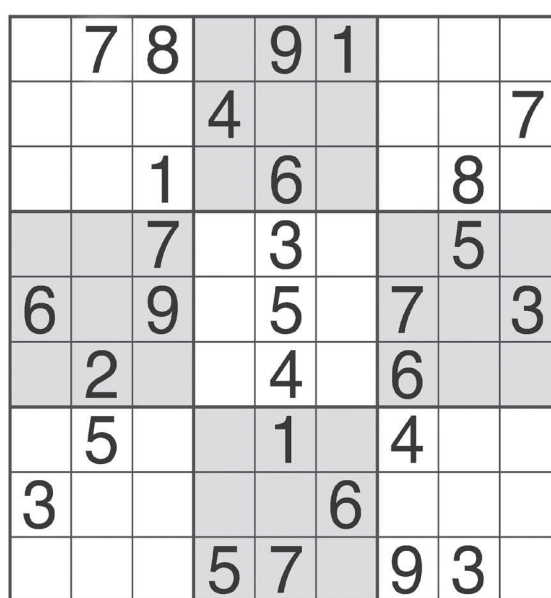
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A logical understanding of the situation will not be enough to move you to change. You have to feel it. Today, you will. You'll know and accept the truth of the matter.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Not everything of value must be attained by sweat and struggle. Celebrate the easy things in your life -- the things that require no effort at all or are so pleasurable you don't feel their energy requirement.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 21). Eye on the prize, you'll stick to your path no matter what comes. This commitment makes your life easier. There's no room for doubt or overthinking, so all falls into alignment. Your steps become obvious, powerful and methodical. You'll gain followers, supporters and a soundtrack that keeps everyone moving. Aquarius and Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 11, 4, 44 and 28.

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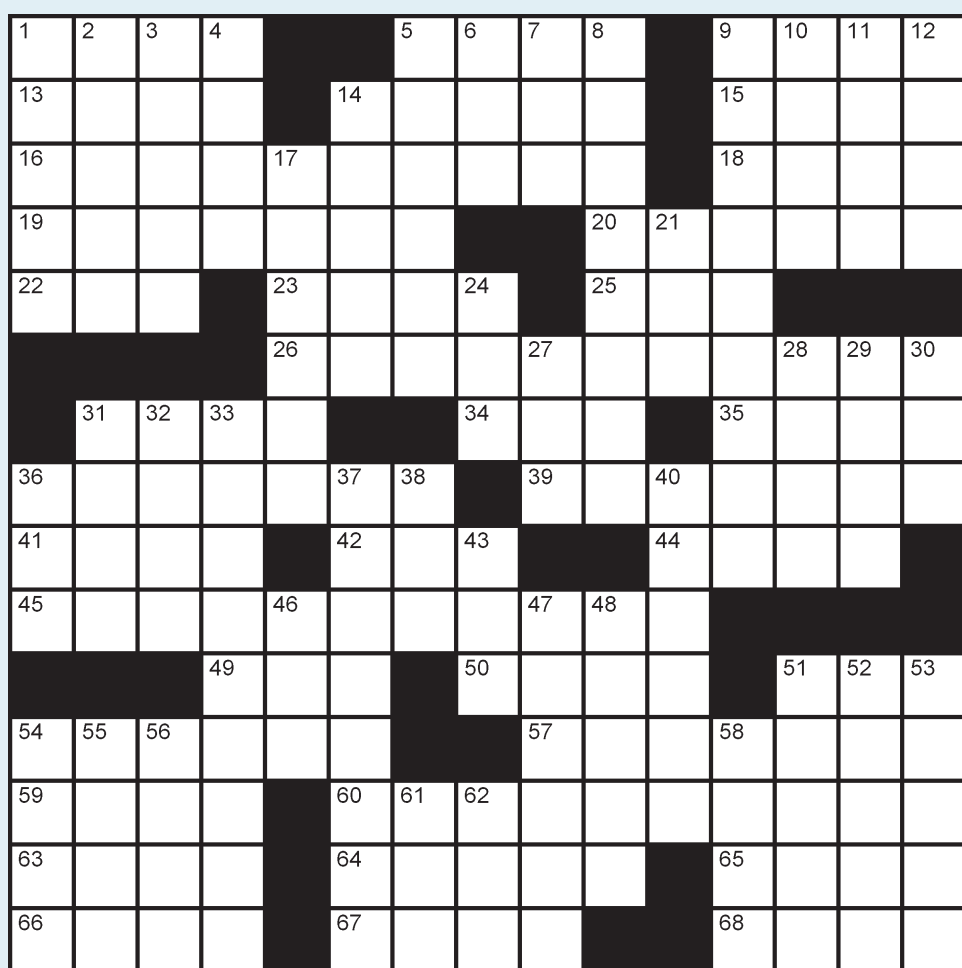


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From the Ground Up by Paul Coulter

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg



- ACROSS**
- 1 It holds a sail
 - 5 Author Silverstein
 - 9 Did laps in a pool, say
 - 13 State that produces the most corn
 - 14 Fail at a crucial time
 - 15 One may blow out
 - 16 Hinged parts of some tables
 - 18 Where Earth's highest point is "The Waltz King"
 - 20 Beach headwear
 - 22 Relative of beige
 - 23 Damon of "Good Will Hunting"
 - 25 Bit
 - 26 Expands, as a business
 - 31 Arachnid in dust, often
 - 34 Org. that handles a lot of baggage
 - 35 Shove
 - 36 It includes ASDF
 - 39 Hurriedly
 - 41 Difficult duty
 - 42 Circular chart type
 - 44 "___ boy!"
 - 45 Prepare to fill up a car?
 - 49 Ballpoint, e.g.
 - 50 Burn balm
 - 51 Words between "chicken" and "king"
 - 54 Midsize Kia renamed for 2021
 - 57 Reno's mountains, informally
 - 59 Hollow toy in a sandbox
 - 60 Group of genres that includes blues and gospel
 - 63 Reverse the effect of
 - 64 Walk leisurely
 - 65 The Big Easy
 - 66 "Leave it," to an editor
 - 67 Cowboy boot attachment
 - 68 Lose control
- DOWN**
- 1 Center
 - 2 Major blood carrier
 - 3 Like much testimony
 - 4 Spanish appetizer
 - 5 Volcanic mount in California
 - 6 Carpool lane letters
 - 7 Barely get, with "out"
 - 8 <
 - 9 Doesn't draw any cards
 - 10 Desire
 - 11 Solo at an opera house
 - 12 Butcher's stock
 - 14 Name hidden in "dances around"
 - 17 Boards as a group?
 - 21 Country with the tallest building, for short
 - 24 "AEW Dynamite" channel, aptly
 - 27 CBS forensic franchise
 - 28 Boot from power
 - 29 Grp. that governs a racket sport
 - 30 Not just "a"
 - 31 Like old recordings
 - 32 "It's my turn"
 - 33 Person who flies new planes
 - 36 Jump on one leg
 - 37 Symbolic welcoming gesture
 - 38 Comedian's skill
 - 40 NBA great Olajuwon
 - 43 Victorian or Progressive period
 - 46 Bottom line?
 - 47 Northern Irish province
 - 48 Like a rock concert
 - 51 Bad lighting?
 - 52 Undefeated boxer Ali
 - 53 Musical rights org.
 - 54 Major work
 - 55 Breathe hard
 - 56 All alternative
 - 58 Is the head of
 - 61 "Alley-___!"
 - 62 Sch. in Columbus

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2021 First Degrees of Sagittarius



On the first full day of the Sagittarius sun, the wind makes a word and whispers it in the ears of every creature who can roam. The word is "adventure." If the thirst for a fresh taste is not quenched, it will, in the weeks to come, become a quest, an ache or a problem. Get in tune with your curiosity so you can aim your interests accordingly.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). A lot of people think things, and much less actually do the things they are thinking. You'll take it further by acting consistently in one direction -- the habit of superstars.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). New people are coming into your life. Let go of any pettiness holding you back because you're about to experience an expansion of the heart.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your social life can't be sorted out with a quiz, questionnaire, profile or series of hypothetical imaginings. You will click with someone online, but you won't know if there's real chemistry until you're face to face.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). In injury, the hand automatically goes to the hurt. It's because touch heals. It keeps it together. It establishes an energetic bond. Today, you'll use touch to remedy the situation.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There's no need to reinvent the wheel. Building on the knowledge of our elders isn't old-fashioned, it's practical. You'll benefit from a return to tradition.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Rough patches are nature's usual way. It would be weird if you didn't hit them. So, keep going, fully aware that this is a challenging situation, and your own personal limitations are not to blame for the trouble.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There are times to hustle, chase and push but right now, a different approach would be better. Pull back and work on what pleases you without worrying about publicity or marketing. Allow your desire to find you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Silver linings are not just for clouds. A magical gilding can be found in a difficult job, a prickly person or a regrettable commitment. Look for the gleaming glint of value behind the unfavorable circumstance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's no piece of advice that will change everything or be applicable always. If life is a school, lately it's the sort that requires you to cobble your own curriculum.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There is no right or wrong way to become successful, but there are ways that are a better fit that feel easier to you and create a sense of joy as you go. Stand up for yourself. Achievement doesn't have to be painful.

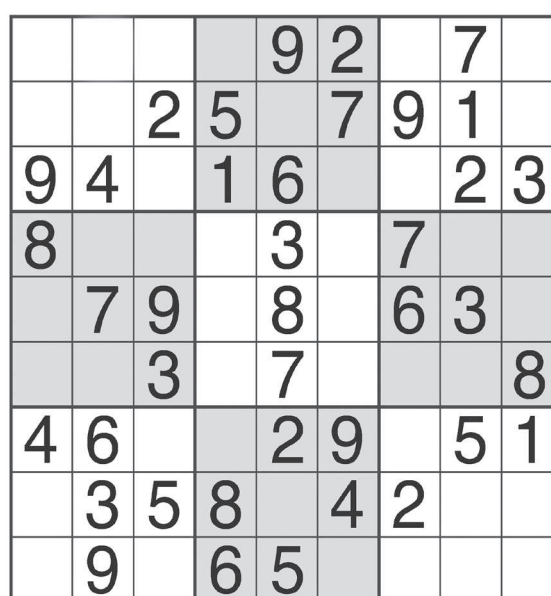
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It will be your pleasure to supply the small things that seem to matter a great deal to others. Doing so will be the win of the day. Side note: Addressing people by their names will make a difference.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Being drawn to a thing doesn't make it good and being repelled by a thing doesn't make it bad. It's a matter of fit. Do not confuse a bad fit with a lack of merit.

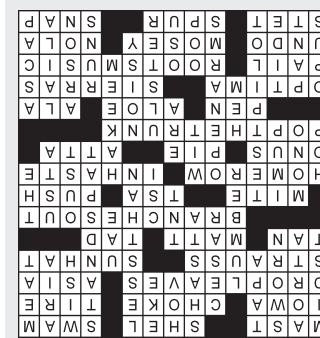
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 22). Your love will be reflected back to you. What could be finer than this cosmic gift of reciprocity? In the weeks to come, an adventure leads to a project, then a new stream of income. Confidence grows as your habits get healthier, which is worth more than money, but the financial bonus you get in January is also fun! Virgo and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 33, 20, 1 and 7.

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